

Written for the Sunday Sentinel.

DEAD.

Prof. J. A. Steele, of Central Normal College.

To-day, a few brief lines that met my view,
And chilled my heart to silence, as I read—
Announced, in common phrase—but all too true,
That in his home Professor Steele lies dead.

Lies dead! But now, he filled his honored place;
His busy brain evolving golden thought;
The light of noble purpose on his face—
All self forgetting in the love he taught.

Love that expands—exalts the human soul;
Refines the heart, makes faltering reason just;
Brings brutal passions under self-control,
And lifts man in God's image, from the dust.

We never met upon the world's highway,
And, yet, I numbered him among my friends,
For, taking note of what I heard men say,
I knew we labored for the selfsame ends.

His work had higher reach and broader scope;
It prompted larger faith and surer good,
While I was walking hand in hand with hope,
And doing down my pathway what I could.

Why he was called away, in manhood's prime,
With silent lips and empty, idle hands,
From work so sorely needed—so sublime
In all its aims—God only understands.

We try to solve the problem, buglin vain—
Faith whispers softly, "All his ways are right,
And he will make his hidden footstep plain,
Beyond the shadows and the shores of night."

Yet some who walk with feeble, faltering tread,
Beyond the sun and summit of life's noon,
Can only say—"Alas that he is dead!
Gifted and needed here—he died too soon."

Good, from his friends and kindred, all alone;
From home and hearthstone that affection crowned,
But I am here will know and claim its own
In that far country where the lost are found.

SARAH T. BOLTON.
Beach Bank, May, 1885.

VARIETIES.

Hats with brims in them are again worn.
On account of the hard times, coats are
now worn longer than usual.

Many young married ladies, obliged to
wear last spring's clothes, prefer divorce
suits.

Of eighty-one wholesale liquor dealers in
Nashville, Tenn., sixty-eight are church
members.

In Norway they have six months night. It
certainly tries the constitution of gate hinges
and bootjacks.

It would seem a waste of breath to rail at
nothing, and yet paragraphers continue to
make sport of the dulle.

All lawyers are not rascals, says an ex-
clamation. Our curiosity is therefore aroused
to find out how this discovery was made.

Children grow taller, it is said, during an
acute sickness, such as fever, the growth of
the bones being stimulated by the febrile
condition.

Four pockets in the vest without any
money in them, although not popular, are
nevertheless worn more than ever.—White-
hall Times.

An Ohio bachelor, aged eighty-five, com-
mitted suicide last week because, as he said,
he was of no use to the world. Objection
sustained. Next.

The forests of the United States comprise
412 species of trees, belonging to 158 genera.
Of these, forty-eight genera and sixty species
are peculiar to Florida.

The revised Old Testament will be issued
next month. Many people will be pained
to learn that the ten commandments have
not been materially changed.

When a south side saloon keeper heard
that "reading makes a full man," he said he
was dead opposed to libraries. He was afraid
they would hurt his business.

When you see a piece of ham entangled in
the average citizen's moustache you must
believe that he has tackled a lunch counter.
You have prima facie evidence of it.

A society writer says that eighteen-year-
old girls are tame. An eighteen-year-old
girl—we were going to get off a joke on that,
but can only smile and mutter "tame." An
eighteen-year-old girl tame! My!

Somebody observes that in love we swap
a peck of trouble for a pint of happiness. He
forgets to add that there is much solid com-
fort in a thimbleful of solid genuine love out
on the bias than there is in a whole grain
elevator of alleged bachelor bliss.

The city of Los Angeles, Cal., has a popula-
tion of about 35,000. Its streets are lined
with eucalyptus and pepper trees and with
handsome business blocks, which are more
numerous and costly than in most American
cities of five times the population.

The present reigning dynasty of Japan
dates back 2,546 years, and is considered the
oldest in the world. The records of Japan
are accurately preserved for that time. All
the nations now called civilized without ex-
ception, have had their beginning since then.

"I neiber wastes my time in wishin dat I
was like de man what am great an' er way
up yad der. I doan't keer how high de buzz-
ard fly—wup! wup! de clouds—he's got
ter come down witer a while an' be jis er
low, er a bird what couldn't fly hah so high."

Miss Julia Pense, a graduate of Vassar
College, cultivates 6,000 acres of land in
Texas. But the higher education of woman
will be proven a failure if she doesn't know
any better than to carry a red parrot when
she goes into the pasture lot where the
gentleman cow is grazing.

A zealous Christian woman in Lowell has
left her husband's bed and board because he
will not be converted. She has reached the
"perfect state," and is so outraged that her
husband, otherwise an exemplary man, will
not come to her way of thinking, that she
will no longer live with him.

"Never go back," advises a writer.
"What you attempt to do with all your
strength." This may be good advice, but it
wouldn't work satisfactorily. When a young
man, for instance, attempts to court a girl he
may do it with all his strength, but he goes
back all the same. He goes back about six
nights a week.—Norristown Herald.

According to the Medical Record five per-
cent of all cancers are situated upon the
tongue. An average duration of life in can-
cer of the tongue is, without operation,
stated to be ten and a half months; with op-
eration, sixteen months. In some cases—
after operations—patients have lived from
two to five, and even ten years.

"What is it that kitty says?" asks a poetess.
We don't know, dear, what it is that kitty
says, but we know pretty well what the man
who is leaning out of the window in the pale
moonlight, with a bootjack in his hand, try-
ing to locate kitty's position, says, and if
you will enclose your address with stamp,
we will send it to you privately. It wouldn't
look well in print.

The art of making paper from wood origi-
nated long before man ever dreamed of it.
On a drowsy summer's day the wisp alights
on somebody's front fence and flows away
in his hind legs all the loose fibre he can
gather. This he mixes with saliva and
forms into a substantial paper covering for
his nest. The male wasp usually dies in the
winter, and the females, hibernating in some

warm, sheltered nook, come out with the
sunshine and become the mothers of new
broods. Wasps secrete themselves in leaves,
pounce upon the young bees that come out
to gather honey, kill them and carry them
home to feed their larvae. The wasp also
kills for the same purpose spiders and co-
pillars.

The astonishing statement comes from
Washington that of the money now actually
in the vaults of the Treasury building at the
National Capital, \$3,000,000 are in silver
dollars, \$2,500,000 in gold, \$4,000,000 in
United States notes \$2,000,000 in silver
certificates, and \$33,000,000 in fractional silver
and minor coins. This hoarding of small
change would seem to imply the most dis-
graceful financiering ever heard of, since
the coining of fractional silver is in no way
compulsory. The people probably know
very little of the real scope of the gold con-
spiracy.

Song.

If May forgets not April's flowers,
June will,—
Even hearts that throbb and thrill like ours
Grow still.

July forgets what birds and flowers
June had,—
Even hearts that throb joy deep as ours
Grow sad.

The pale leaves hear not what the flowers
Heard told,—
Even hearts as passionate as ours
Grow cold.

—The Spectator.

Ignorant, but Eloquent.

[Brooklyn Union]

City editor (to new reporter)—You say in
this report of the fire that the lurid glare of
the forked flames shot upward the dark
domed sky. Are you sure of that.

New reporter—Yes, sir; I saw the whole
thing.

City editor—Did you notice any insurance
lurking about the place, or learn what caused
the fire, or the probable amount of property
destroyed?

New reporter—No, sir.

City editor (striking a match)—Well, just
watch the lurid glare of forked flames shoot
upward this report.

The Waterfall.

Above, the row of whispering poplars tall,
That giant shadows throw
Upon a little winding water fall,
That trickled down below.

Lonely saw the mud and silt that stopped
The tiny, sluggish stream,
The wet, dark, sodden autumn leaves, that
dropped
Unit by sunlight's gleam.

The child that held my hand raised her blue
eyes,
No sunshine there had fled;
No cloud yet gathered over his azure skies,
"How beautiful!" he said.

Ab! little dreamer, with that trustful smile
That shadows could admit,
That wore sweet fancies while I looked the while
To you lone churchyard spire.

"How beautiful!" ah, beauty is the cloak
We wrap around what we see;
The dreams and visions by the hearts bespoke,
To weave life's ministry.

"How beautiful!" perchance our shadowed eyes
On hidden things may see,
The fair green earth, the brightness of the skies,
Is dimmed by one sad tear.

"Yes, beautiful!" I answered, smiling back,
Ah, who would break the spell?
What matter if my heart chilled sought the track,
Its oldest dream to tell.

Yes, beautiful; the earth is cold enough,
Without our shadowed eyes
His childish feet will find the road but rough,
Cast thou no stone before.

—Hollis Freeman.

CURIOUS, USEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC.

The opinion is entertained now by many
men of science that the art of making arti-
ficial stone for structural purposes is prehis-
toric, and that the pyramids were, in fact,
built of artificial blocks manufactured from
the surrounding plain.

The production of caraway seed has been
estimated at 150,000 bushels a year. All the
northern parts of Europe and the United
States are the principal centers of the con-
sumption of this article. The manufacturers
of essential oil in Germany use a great deal
of the seed, and the plant in some parts of
that country is to be found in every meadow.

The importance of wholesome potable
water for cities is shown in Vienna. Since
the introduction into that city of water
drawn from the Styrian Alps a constant and
very considerable decrease has been ob-
served in stomach and intestinal troubles,
and cases of typhus fever have become
rare.

The expenses in connection with the ex-
periments in ascertaining the best source of
light for lighthouse illumination has cost the
British Government a good round sum. A
return shows that up to the end of last No-
vember the outlay was more than \$20,000,
and other indebtedness was subsequently
incurred in connection with the same ob-
ject.

According to the Bulletin of the Society of
Naturalists of Moscow the hitherto unac-
countable destruction of pine forests is caused
by the ravages of a species of mushroom
which takes growth on the surface of the
wood and afterward penetrates and destroys
the tree. Maps are given in which the path
of the destroying fungus is traced through
the pine woods of Russia.

The following is given as a cheap mode of
rendering fabrics unflammable. Four
parts borax and three parts of sulphate of
magnesia are shaken up together, just being
required. The mixture is then dissolved in
from 20 to 30 parts of warm water. Into
the resulting solution the articles to be pro-
tected from fire are immersed, and when
they are thoroughly soaked they are
wring out and dried, preferably in the open
air.

A distillery has lately been put in opera-
tion at Charleston, S. C., for manufacturing
oil from pine wood. The material is subjected
to intense heat in sealed retorts, and one cord
of it is said to yield fifteen gallons of turpen-
tine, eighty gallons of pine-wood oil, fifty
bushels of charcoal, 150 gallons of wood vin-
gar and a quantity of inflammable gas and
vegetable asphaltum. The oil alone is worth
about twenty-five cents a gallon, and is used
by painters and ship-builders.

As a means of producing an artificial sea
atmosphere in houses, the use has been sug-
gested of a solution of peroxide of hydrogen
containing 1 per cent. of ozonic ether, iodine
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used, besides being a powerful disinfectant.

A new volcano has been developed in Rus-
sia, twelve versts from the town of Ielna, in
the Government of Smolensk. On the top of a
hill there was noticed ten years ago that
snow never remained for any length of time.
Three years back subterranean noises were
heard in the neighborhood of the hill, and
smoke was seen to issue from its summit.
Lately flames have shot up, and melted iron,
cinders, and sand have been thrown out of a
freshly formed crater. The ground is so hot
that a pole thrust into it is burned in a few
minutes. All around the hill there are evi-
dent signs of true volcanic energy.

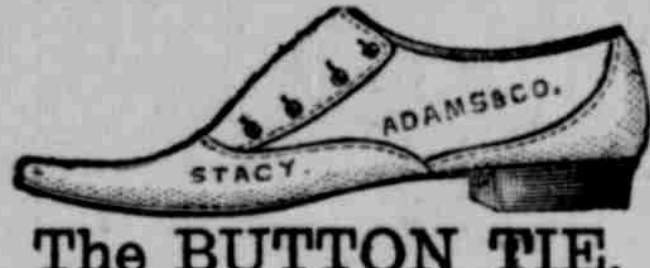
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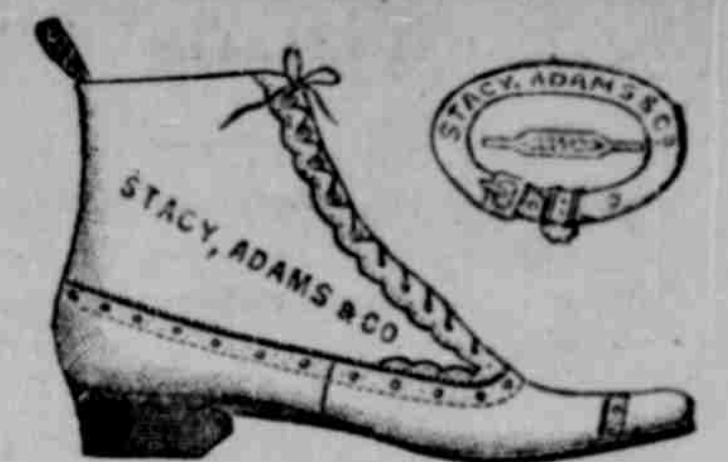
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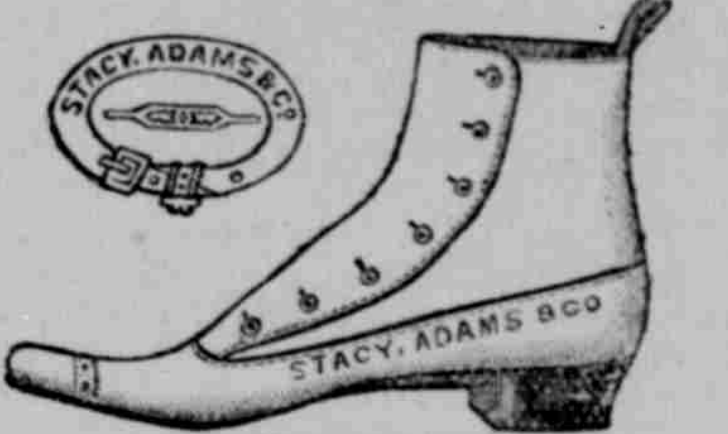
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ing Record.

[Pioneer Press]

How many osculations do you think I have

been guilty of during the year? Well, sir, ex-
actly 1,157. I've kept accurate count and
there can't be a mistake. I divide it up
like this: Maternal and sororal oscu-
lation, 242; pure love (that's Carl, you know),
620; conventional affection—elderly aunts
babies, etc.—110; guilty osculation, 203.
Now, what do you think of it? I have har-
bored on Carrie, who will soon be "Mrs.
Young Truly," a little more than half of my
affection—that is, as evidenced by caresses.
That's a pretty good average, now, isn't it,
when you think of the number of times you
kiss your mother and sister and all these
cousins and their babies, and your old flames
when you happen to meet them of a summer
evening or at a sleighing party, or something
like that. Here's the record by months.
Just glance at it. It's an interesting table,
isn't it? You ought to have printed it in
your year's resume. Now, let's figure a lit-
tle; you'll find it a prolific subject. Say
there are 5,000 young fellows in St. Paul who
haven't got over the puppy-dog period. I
may be a little more devoted than most of
them, so we'll give them 1,000 kisses each.
That makes 5,000,000 kisses. Of these about
one-fifth, or 1,000,000, are in the family. Not
more than a third of these fellows are en-
gaged, so that of the 1,000,000 only about
600,000 are what you might call legitimate—
bestowed upon one's fiancée. I mean. That
leaves nearly 3,500,000 kisses, the parties to
which ought to be ashamed to acknowledge.
Now let us figure on the causes, results and
amounts of temporary pleasure and after-
repentance occasioned by these 6,500,000.

The small red ants, says Professor C. V.

Riley, are undoubtedly the most trouble-
some of the insects infesting houses, and to
destroy them or even to keep them in check,
appears to be a nearly a hopeless task, owing
to the countless number of specimens and the
remarkable pertinacity they exhibit in
their attacks. All that can be done is to
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